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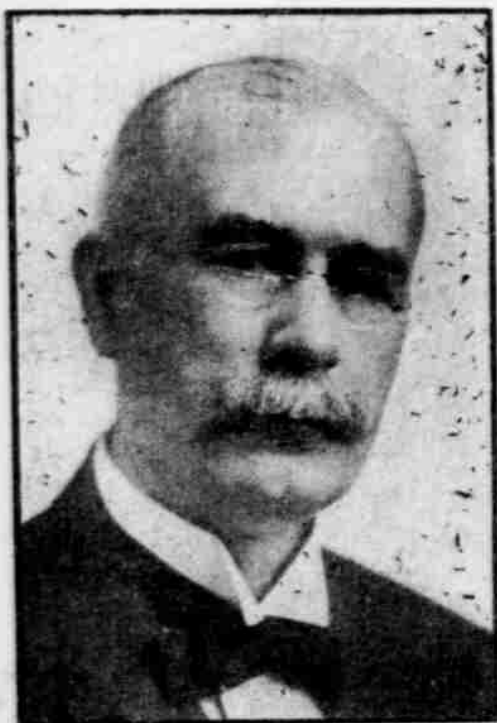
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## HON. J. A. SULLIVAN.

### Brief Sketch of the Candidate From Madison for the Democratic Nomination for Congress. His Record is Worthy of Emulation.

Hon. Jere A. Sullivan, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress in this district, is a man of large business and political experience, and is thoroughly equipped to occupy the responsible position which he seeks.

He was born near Richmond, during the Civil War. While the subject of this sketch was very young his father died leaving a widow and seven children in poverty. The mother inspired the children early in life with a desire for a good education and all of them responded and used every honorable effort to secure the same. Judge Sullivan was educated in the common and private schools of Richmond until he entered the Freshman class of Central University, from which institution he graduated with the highest honors of his class. During vacation he usually worked as a hand on the adjoining farms in order to secure funds with which to purchase books and other necessities. Shortly after his graduation he served as deputy county clerk and deputy circuit clerk of Madison county and at the same time read law under the late T. J. Scott, who subsequently became circuit judge and was one of the ablest lawyers and judges in the State. Judge Sullivan completed his education in the University of Virginia, where he studied law. After being admitted to the bar, he formed a partnership with Hon. H. B. Herd, who shortly after located in Ft. Worth, Texas, where he has made a great success as a lawyer and business man.



In 1885 Judge Sullivan was nominated and elected county attorney of Madison county without opposition. Again in 1890 he was re-elected without opposition from either party. Toward the end of the last term, he announced that he would not be a candidate for a third term on account of the growth of his practice which required all his time. His record as county attorney was progressive in every particular. He helped in the movement to extend turnpikes, build bridges and improve the county along all lines. Although often requested to become a candidate, Judge Sullivan declined to make another race until 1907, when he became a candidate for representative of Madison county at the solicitation of hundreds of his fellow Democrats.

He was again nominated and elected without opposition. He went to the legislature not to play politics but to frame, introduce and have enacted measures that would improve and advance the State. He introduced a bill requiring the inspection of State banks on a similar basis with national banks, but the measure failed to pass until taken up by the last legislature. Although not a member of the 1912 legislature, he drew the bill which was adopted. Under this law, a depositor feels that the State bank is as secure as a national bank. Judge Sullivan after examining the school census of 1900, which showed a remarkable degree of illiteracy in Kentucky, set to work to improve the educational system of the State, or rather re-adjust matters so that the people would get advantage of the immense volume of money that is being expended annually for the cause of public education. With others, he helped establish two normal schools,

and by his efforts the high schools were founded, and even Judge Sullivan's strongest opponents, who have seen the results, must admit that his ideas were correct and that his work will eventually take Kentucky out of the illiterate column. Kentucky was almost the last State in the United States to establish a normal school. Practically from the time he was admitted to the bar Judge Sullivan has been recognized as one of the ablest and most successful lawyers, and has been counsel on either one side or the other of every important suit at the Madison bar. His practice has extended to many other counties and into the Federal Court. He has at all times been recognized as a progressive citizen, possessing sound, conservative judgment, and is one of the most successful business men in Kentucky. By his own industry, starting in poverty, he has amassed a splendid estate, and upon the removal of J. Stone Walker from Richmond, Mr. Sullivan was chosen President of the State Bank and Trust Company, the largest financial institution in Madison county. Shortly after his admission to the bar, Judge Sullivan became secretary to Gov. McCreary during his race for Congress. Later upon the election of Grover Cleveland he was tendered the position of first deputy under Collector Bronston, but declined as he preferred to continue his law work. He has been elected Chairman of the Democratic county committee of Madison county repeatedly without opposition and likewise a member of the Democratic State Executive Committee. He has also served as a member of various State campaign committees. He drafted the Democratic platform which was adopted at the convention in Louisville and upon which Governor James B. McCreary and his splendid ticket won such a crowning victory last November. Then, after Gov. McCreary had changed an 18,000 vote to a 31,000 majority, Mr. Sullivan was asked by the new Governor to prepare measures which were to carry out the platform pledges. This he did, spending several months in the patriotic work. Practically all of the pledges were enacted into law by one of the best legislatures Kentucky has ever had. His great service to the party actuated hundreds of his admirers in the eighth Congressional district to call upon him to enter the race for Congress, realizing that he would be a great force at the national capital and would in the language of Jack Johnson, "bring home the bacon."

#### Death of an Excellent Citizen.

Mr. W. B. Sublett, who was a most excellent citizen, a retired farmer, died at Cane Valley last Friday morning. He was 80 years of age, and had been very successful in life. He was the father of Messrs. J. W. and R. A. Sublett, who are prominent merchants of Cane Valley. The deceased was a man of honor and had the respect of everybody in the neighborhood. He lived a religious life from boyhood and was ready to meet his God. The News extends its sympathy to the surviving sons and all other relatives.

The P. H. Bridgewater farm, near Cane Valley, Adair county, will be sold by the heirs, at public sale, on a credit of six and twelve months, at the courthouse door in Columbia, at the August county court.

About 100 acres in cultivation and about 90 fine timber. Good residence and other buildings. til Aug. 1st.

Mr. G. R. Reed has purchased of Judge T. A. Murrell the latter's fire insurance business and the former is now in full charge. Mr. Reed is a good business man and is perfectly reliable, and we feel sure that he will do a good business for the companies he represents.

The railroad from all points in the State to the Educational meeting to be held in Louisville June 25th to 27th inclusive, will be one fare plus 25 cents for the round trip. This is the lowest rate that can be given, and many educators should take advantage of it.

#### June Crop Report.

Reports coming to this Department as to the condition of crops on the first day of June show the condition of wheat to be 75.4 per cent. This is a decrease of nearly 4 per cent from 79 per cent since the first of May.

The wheat crop has not come out as it has sometimes after a severe freezing during the winter. With an acreage of 88.8 per cent, and a condition of 75.4 per cent, there is not a great prospect for a wheat crop in the State this year. Condition of rye is given as 72.2 per cent; the corn acreage as indicated is 92.6 per cent, or an average crop condition of corn 81.8 per cent. The great amount of rainfall and the flood conditions prevented the sowing of a large crop of oats, 79.7 per cent being reported, the condition of which is 90.3 per cent. Potatoes is one of the most promising crops Kentucky has this year. The acreage being 95.3 per cent and the condition 95.3 per cent. The per cent of dark tobacco transplanted June the first is 91.4 per cent, indicating rapid progress is being made in the planting of this crop. The Burley section has transplanted only 51.1 per cent of its crop. The recent dry weather has prevented the rapid transplanting of tobacco, and the use of "setters" has been resorted to in order to get the crop out.

Both the pig and lamb crops are short ones, indicating a crop of 88.6 per cent of pigs, and 88.7 per cent of lambs. The shortage of pigs and lambs in a great measure is due to severe winter and unfavorable spring conditions. Poultry has also suffered in this respect. The fruit crop is not a good one. Condition of apples, 70.4 per cent; peaches, 61.8 per cent; pears 72.9 per cent; plums 81.8 per cent; grapes 82.7 per cent is reported. Blackberries are said not to be so plentiful this year. Only 70.2 per cent average crop reported, with raspberries but little better, 77.1 per cent.

Blue grass is reported as showing a condition of 103.5 per cent, alfalfa 91 per cent, and clover 88.4 per cent. Some places report an entire failure of clover, and others an unusually good crop. The same is true of the fruit and berry crops. Failure is reported from some points in the State, and an unusually good condition in others. The southern section of the State, as a rule reports wheat in fairly good condition, while the central and northern section of the State report an unusually poor condition exists.

Taken as a whole, the report for June indicates that it will be impossible for Kentucky to produce an unusually large grain crop even with the most favorable weather conditions prevailing the remainder of the season.

Department of Agriculture,  
Frankfort, Ky.  
J. W. Newman,  
Commissioner

#### Bad Accident.

A frightful accident which proved very serious to Paul Akin, son of Zed Akin, Sparksville, occurred a few days ago. Paul and Clifford, a younger brother, had accompanied their father to the woods for a wagon load of beesticks. Returning, a cow scared the team, the wagon upset, the whole load falling upon Clifford, but he was not seriously hurt, but Paul was not so fortunate. His left arm was broken and he will probably be deprived of the proper use of it for life. Mr. Akin, in trying to hold the team, also got considerably hurt.

A gentleman, who resides in Taylor county, was in Columbia last week. In speaking of the decision of the United States Circuit Court concerning the railroad tax of Taylor county, said: "The last step has been taken by the county and our citizens now realize that the bonds will have to be paid." "A short time ago," said he, "the county could have compromised the debt for fifty or sixty thousand, and as it now stands we will have something like \$180,000 to pay. Under the decision we can not collect for county purposes without collecting for the bonds."

#### Card of Thanks

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sutton and children, wish to thank their many friends for their kindness and sympathy shown to them in the loss of their son.

#### Repair Shop.

I am prepared to do all kinds of buggy work, painting, etc., a specialty. Horse shoeing 60 cents. Spring and road wagons also put in condition. Work first-class.  
W. H. Eubank,  
Water street.

The last setting of tobacco for this season evidently was made last Saturday and Monday and now the trouble begins.

#### HELM DAY IN DANVILLE

The Present Congressman Sweeps the Crowd with him in the Joint Debate in Boyle County.

(Danville Messenger)

Before a large and intelligent audience, Messrs. Harvey Helm, Jere Sullivan and Jack Chinn presented their claims for the Democratic nomination for Congress, at the Danville courthouse Saturday afternoon. Much interest has been awakened in the fight by reason of the prominence of the candidates and the fact that both Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Chinn have been making all their fight on the record of Mr. Helm. The Boyle county people, while they were aware of the good work Mr. Helm has done in Congress, were anxious to hear what his opponents could say against him. After Saturday afternoon's oratorical battle, our people were only all the more convinced that the attack on Mr. Helm is wholly unwarranted, and the speeches only made them the more enthusiastic for him. The Messenger does not desire to belittle the claims of either Mr. Sullivan or Mr. Chinn, in fact we would not do so under any circumstances, as their long and faithful work in the party entitle them to the highest consideration, but The Messenger is for Mr. Helm because he has been weighed in the balance and cannot be found wanting. We believe in rewarding a good and faithful servant, and can not see the wisdom of giving up a certainty for an uncertainty.

Mr. Sullivan spoke first. He made a good speech, sketching his career from birth, when he came into the world penniless, and when a mere boy, was thrown upon his own resources. By hard work, he managed to assist relatives and secure for himself a good education. Mr. Sullivan certainly is entitled to great commendation for his manly struggle in the world, and the surmounting, unaided, of many great obstacles. His speech was devoted principally to thrusts at Mr. Helm, declaring that Helm's record was a blank.

Mr. Helm was the next speaker, and when he arose it was shown by the ovation that ten to one in the audience were for him. He told of his record in Congress, and referred to the fact that the work of the present Democratic house had made the election of a Republican President an impossibility. He told of his personal work in unearthing frauds in the war department whereby \$11,000,000 of the people's money was being wasted every year. "Isn't that in itself enough to show I earned my salary?" He thundered at his opponents. He explained that the work of his committee in checking this \$11,000,000 steal had been acted on by the House, and checked by a Republican Senate, but they would be compelled to act favorably if a War Appropriation bill is passed. Mr. Helm called attention to his work for the good roads bill, whereby the Government will pay \$25. per mile annually for roads used by rural and star route carriers. He also told of his fight for the farmers free list bill, making a saving of \$390,000,000 to the farmers; the tobacco bill and many other measures, in fact so many accomplishments that the accusations by his opponents became absolutely ridiculous. It is well known here that Mr. Helm has done more to further payment of old war claims than has any representative the district has ever had. He referred to his work on the Government buildings, and the fact that he quickly secured an additional allowance for the handsome structure now standing in Danville. Mr. Helm was cheered to the echo, and at conclusion of the speaking was surrounded by citizens and warmly congratulated.

Col. Jack Chinn closed the debate in one of his characteristic speeches. He has a keen sense of humor and can tell a joke in a winning way. He had the audience laughing most of the time. His remarks pertaining to the present fight were in attempted ridicule of Mr. Helm, and he closed by appealing to the farmers to send a farmer to Congress.

While the candidates threw the hot shot into one another, the debate was gentlemanly throughout. Mr. Helm's friends are in high feather over the outcome of the debate and are all the more sanguine of his success.

#### For Sale

I have some household and other goods which I will sell privately. Call and see them.

S. N. Hancock.

Mr. Jake Van Hoy, who was hurt in the wreck on the L. & N. between Lebanon and Campbellsville some time ago, was paid four hundred dollars as a compromise for injuries.

#### Execution Sale.

By virtue of execution 1909 which issued from the office of the Clerk of the Adair Circuit Court on the 10 day of June 1912 for the sum of (\$132. 71) One hundred thirty two dollars and seventy one cents with interest thereon from the 8 day of April 1911 until paid at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, and the further sum of (\$11. 40) Eleven dollars and forty cents cost in favor of L. C. Winfrey Rec-Citizens Bank against C. A. Coy, A. D. Coy & J. W. Coy. 1 will on Monday the —day of July 1912 at the Court House door in Columbia, Ky the same being the first of regular term of the Adair County Court at 1 o'clock p. m. or thereabout offer for sale to the highest bidder upon a credit of three months the following described personal property, to-wit: One upright piano, to satisfy execution, interest and cost as the property of C. A. Coy, bond with approved security and bearing interest at 6 per cent from date until paid will be required of the purchaser. This June 15 1912.

A. D. Patteson S. A. C.

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#### Russell Circuit Court.

The June term of the Russell circuit court opened at Jamestown last Monday. The docket for the term is about as usual, and it is believed that the Commonwealth cases, before the court, will be disposed of by the middle of the week.

Judge Carter arrived about 10 o'clock Monday morning and by the dinner hour the grand jury had been instructed and was at work.

There was a very good crowd of people in town when court convened, and during the day the merchants, dry-goods, and grocery men did a paying business.

The business of the court will probably go into the second week.

#### Committed Suicide.

Mr. J. C. Muncie, a prominent lawyer of Edmonton, and at one time Commonwealth's Attorney in this the 29th judicial district, committed suicide by shooting in his home town last Saturday morning. The particulars have not reached this office. Mr. Muncie was about 60 years old, and in very good circumstances. He has been in wretched health for several years, and it is thought here that brooding over his physical condition caused him to take his own life. The news of his untimely death and the manner of the ending, was a shock to Metcalfe county. He leaves a wife and perhaps several children.

Eld. Tobias Huffaker will preach at Smith's Chapel school house on the 4th Sunday in June, at 10:30 a. m. and at 3 o'clock p. m. will preach at the Hutchinson school house on same day. On the 5th Sunday he will preach at Hebron church at 11 o'clock a. m. and at 3 p. m. will preach for the colored folks at the Flat Woods Christian church.

Messrs. John and Frank Sandusky have purchased a nice automobile and it arrived a few days ago. Other persons in Columbia are thinking of purchasing cars, and it may be that in less than a year the town will be full of them.

The fine rains, last Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, revived vegetation in Adair county. In the next few days there will be beans and potatoes in abundance. In the White Oak country there was more rainfall than here.

Durham Bros., Campbellsville, received at Milltown, last Thursday, a fine bunch of hogs, the best sold in that locality this year. Price, 6¢ cents.

WANTED.—50 boys to sell novelties in Fairs, shows, and ball games. Be first, write to-day. Send 10 cents for terms, postage ect.

W. T. Hodgen, Box 232,  
Campbellsville, Ky.

Born, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Ingram, and to the wife of Ed Shively, Saturday night, June 8, 1912, a son. Mother and baby doing well.

The work of rocking the public square of Jamestown goes on and in a short time the walking will be good in wet weather.

Some stock changed hands at Jamestown Monday, the prices ruling high.

Born, to the wife of Albert Mercer, Milltown, June 13, 1912, a daughter.

The Burkesville Fair will open August 15th and continue four days.

Born, to the wife of Heck Corbin, June 10, 1912, a daughter.

#### GREWSOME FIND

IN WAYNE COUNTY.

Two Women Discovered Dead by Preacher in Country Home.

ADDICTED TO MORPHINE.

Somerset, Ky., June.—A gruesome find was made by the Rev. J. L. Murrell, of Monticello, who had been called to the home of "Sis" Hicks, in Wayne county, to conduct funeral services of Uncle Marion Denton. When the Rev. Mr. Murrell arrived at the home he found Mrs. Hicks and her daughter, Florence Hicks, both lying dead on the floor of the sitting room. He called in some of the neighbors and an examination showed that both parties had been dead for several hours.

Strychnine and laudanum were found in the room and suicide was the theory. However, it was thought by some that Florence, who was about thirty years of age, had killed the elder woman, who was about fifty-five, and then committed suicide. A number of cuts and bruises were found on the face and head of the elder woman, and this actuated the idea of both murder and suicide.

It is said that both women had been addicted to the morphine habit for some time, and that one of them had been in feeble health. Whether it was an agreed double suicide, or whether suicide and murder, will never be known, as there were no other members of the family present, the two residing alone. —Louisville Times.

The Danville Advocate in retracting some of its "sensational charges" concerning Congressman Helm says it does not want to state anything untrue or unfair, which of course means that it has stated what is not true and what is unfair, nevertheless Mr. Sullivan is having these untrue and unfair statements printed in the papers of the district at his expense. The Advocate has thrown a fit or two concerning some alleged agreement on the part of Mr. Helm not to enter the present race for Congress, stating that it would produce such a pledge signed by Mr. Helm, in the presence of witnesses, which we said was not true and called on the Advocate to produce, which it could not do.

In a nut shell Mr. Sullivan's efforts to remove Mr. Helm from the race is convincing evidence that he cannot win with the Congressman in it. The gentleman from Madison wanted to make the race two years ago, but after going over the district found that the Tall Sycamore loomed up in every precinct so strong and so formidable that the barrier could not be broken down. Did he then cry out that Helm had promised not to run again? Verily he did not, but if Mr. Helm made such a promise then was the time to have enforced it. And the same is true of the present race, as well as all other races which Mr. Helm has made. It seems that the opposition to Lincoln county's son will have to trump up another or at any rate a more reasonable charge, for this is puerile. —Interior Journal

The rain Friday night and Saturday prevented the Baptist Sunday School from holding their picnic Saturday. It has been arranged to hold it next Wednesday afternoon and evening at the Fair grounds. Be on hand at the church at 2 o'clock with your basket filled for the occasion, and conveyance will be provided to take you out. Every member of the Sunday School and church together with any other members of your families have a cordial invitation to be present. In connection with the supper hour the prayer-meeting service will be held, and there will be no service at the church that night. Let all come prepared to make it both a pleasant and profitable occasion.

Mr. J. B. Coffey, assistant fire marshal, after having made a thorough investigation reported the recent fire in this place as accidental. It is his belief that the fire originated either in the bed room or the loft just over it and must have resulted from a match dropped or from a cigarette. There was no one in the barn at the time the fire was discovered.

Last Saturday morning a well-known traveling man, Mr. T. B. Pemberton, representing a Louisville firm, died at Bowling Green from complication of a troubles. Mr. Pemberton was well and favorably known here and a son of Mr. S. C. Pemberton, who visits here every year. The News extends its sympathy in this bereavement.